

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
February 24, 2015

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. Alan VanRaalte, Mr. William Freudenberg, and Mr. Mitchell Ives

Absent: None

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, and Ms. Donna Schultz

Guests: Ms. Rachel Nelson, Ms. Vicki Nelson, Ms. Vickie Voss, Ms. Jean Sutherland-Kreger, Ms. Heidi Nehls, Ms. Marsha Holley, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, and Ms. Amy Mayo

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services Committee – January 27, 2015:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the Social Services Committee minutes of January 27, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

4. Employee Service Awards:

The Committee recognized years of service by Ms. Vicki Nelson (25 years), Ms. Vickie Voss (20 years), Ms. Beth Hoerchler (15 years), Ms. Jean Sutherland-Kreger (15 years), Ms. Heidi Nehls (10 years), and Ms. Marsha Holley (10 years).

5. Foster Parent Recruitment Update:

Ms. Rachel Nelson, Foster Care Coordinator, spoke of the need for more foster families and the program she is working on to recruit more families. Newspaper ads noting the need for foster parents will be run quarterly rather than annually. The Department is working on making the required paperwork easier to understand and complete.

6. Governor's Budget Proposal – Drug Testing:

Ms. Amy Mayo, Support Program Supervisor, spoke about proposed drug testing for Food Share recipients. The proposal is not final. What we know at this time is that the proposed drug testing would be for applicants and recipients who are required to participate in the Food Stamp Employment and Training program and have undergone a screening that indicates a drug issue.

7. Governor's Budget Proposal - Summary:

Ms. Rideout spoke of how the proposed budget affects Oneida County Department of Social Services and agencies we work with. Significant proposals include Family Care would go state-wide by 2017; MCOs would change to serving the state rather than regions; and Youth Aids would move from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Children & Families.

8. Lease Agreement and Update – Food Stamp Employment and Training:

Ms. Mayo spoke about Wood County/CW Solutions getting established in Oneida County. One full time position will be filled for Oneida County/FSET and will work with other counties as well. FSET candidates in Oneida County are estimated to be about 238 persons.

Ms. Rideout discussed the lease with CW Solutions and Oneida County Department of Social Services whereby Oneida County Department of Social Services will provide office space, reception, phone, and computers to CW Solutions. The 2015 monthly lease amount is \$524.00 and would be effective April 1, 2015.

Ms. Rideout stated a resolution to approve the lease will need to go to the full County Board. Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Ives, to approve the resolution to the full County Board to approve the lease between Oneida County Department of Social Services and CW Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Committee meeting date and time:

It was agreed that the date(s) and time of the Social Services Committee meetings will remain with the meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

10. 2014/2015 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Report:

The Committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Flex Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency will have a return of approximately \$666,000 for 2014. The final 2014 report will be ready for the March committee meeting. The January 2015 report projects that the Agency will have a return of approximately \$415,000 in 2015. Motion made by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos to approve the 2014/2015 Financial/Statistical/Flex Time reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

The bills and Line Item Transfers were reviewed by the Committee. Motion made by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the bills and Line Item Transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Mr. Alan VanRaalte suggested keeping an eye on the Governor's budget.

13. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in First Floor Conference Room on the first floor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: February 24, 2015